

2007 Census of Agriculture Data on Organic Production - Florida

In 2007, there were 280 farms in Florida producing organic commodities. (There were 47,463 farms in Florida.) Most of those farms (66%) had less than 10 acres used for organic production. There were 9,301 acres used for organic production, an average of 33.2 acres per farm.

Table 1: Number of Farms with Organic Production, 2007

Farms with Acres Used for Organic Production	Farms	Acres
Farms with 1 to 9 organic acres	185	(D)
Farms with 10 to 49 organic acres	67	1,210
Farms with 50 to 179 organic acres	23	1,577
Farms with 180 to 499 organic acres	1	(D)
Farms with 500 or more organic acres	4	5,686
Total	280	9,301

Of the 280 farms with organic production, 234 (84%) sold organic products. Over half of those farms (59%) sold less than \$5,000 worth of organic products. The total value of sales of organic products was \$17.1 million, an average of \$73,269 per farm. Most of the sales (93%) came from 26 farms with organic sales of \$50,000 or more.

Table 2: Farms with Sales of Organic Commodities, 2007

Farms With Sales of Organic Production	Number of Farms	Value of Sales (\$1,000)	Average Per Farm
Farms with value of sales \$1 to \$4,999	139	\$ 163	\$ 1,173
Farms with value of sales \$5,000 to \$9,999	27	\$ 194	\$ 7,185
Farms with value of sales \$10,000 to \$24,999	28	\$ 436	\$ 15,571
Farms with value of sales \$25,000 to \$49,999	14	\$ 474	\$ 33,857
Farms with value of sales \$50,000 or more	26	\$ 15,878	\$ 610,692
All Farms	234	\$ 17,145	\$ 73,269

Of the 234 farms selling organic products, 204 (87%) sold organic crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops). The total value of sales of the organic crops was \$16.2 million, and average of \$79,680 per farm. Most of the sales (93%) came from 23 farms with sales of \$50,000 or more.

Table 3: Farms With Sales of Organic Crops, 2007

Farms With Sales of Organic Crops (Including Nursery and Greenhouse Crops)	Number of Farms	Value of Sales (\$1,000)	Average Per Farm
Farms with sales less than \$50,000	181	\$ 1,194	\$ 6,597
Farms with sales of \$50,000 or more	23	\$ 15,046	\$ 654,174
All farms	204	\$ 16,240	\$ 79,608

Of the 234 farms with sales of organic commodities, 26 sold organic livestock or poultry. The total value of sales was \$670,000, an average of \$25,769 per farm.

Table 4: Farms with Sales of Organic Livestock or Poultry

Farms With Sales of Organic Livestock and Poultry	Number of Farms	Value of Sales (\$1,000)	Average Per Farm
Farms with sales less than \$50,000	24	(D)	(D)
Farms with sales of \$50,000 or more	2	(D)	(D)
All farms	26	\$ 670	\$ 25,769

There were 17 farms reporting sales of organic livestock or poultry products. The total value of sales was \$235,000, an average of \$13,824 per farm.

Table 5: Farms with Sales of Organic Livestock or Poultry Products

Farms With Sales of Organic Livestock and Poultry Products	Number of Farms	Value of Sales	Average per farm
Farms with sales less than \$50,000	15	(D)	(D)
Farms with sales of \$50,000 or more	2	(D)	(D)
All farms	17	\$ 235	\$ 13,824

Of the 280 farms producing organic commodities, 208 farms (74%) harvested organic crops from a total of 5,974 acres, an average of 28.7 acres per farm. There were 49 farms reporting 731 acres of organic pastureland. Additionally, there were 215 farms reporting 3,968 acres of land being converted to organic production.

Table 6: Acres used to Produce Organic Commodities

	Number of Farms	Acres	Average per farm
Acres From Which Organic Crops Were Harvested	208	5,974	28.7
Acres of Organic Pastureland	49	731	14.9
Acres Being Converted to Organic Production	215	3,968	18.5

Of the principal farm operators on farms with organic production:

- 75% male (compared to 78% of principal farm operators on all farms in Florida)
- 58% reported a primary occupation other than farming (compared to 56% on all farms)
- 73% reported living on the farm they operate (compared to 75% on all farms)
- 46% reported working 200 days or more on the farm (compared to 40% on all farms)
- 57% have been on their present farm for 10 years or more (compared to 65% on all farms)
- 47% are age 55 or over (compared to 60% on all farms)

Table 7: Characteristics of Principal Farm Operators, 2007

Characteristics of Principal Operator - Farms With Organic Production		Farms	
		Number	Percent
Gender	Male	211	75.4
	Female	69	24.6
Primary Occupation	Farming	118	42.1
	Other	162	57.9
Place of Residence	On farm operated	204	72.9
	Not on farm operated	76	27.1
Number of Days Worked Off-Farm	None	81	28.9
	Any	199	71.1
	1 to 49 days	28	10.0
	50 to 99 days	18	6.4
	100 to 199 days	25	8.9
	200 days or more	128	45.7
Number of Years On Present Farm	2 years or less	15	5.4
	3 or 4 years	26	9.3
	5 to 9 years	79	28.2
	10 years or more	160	57.1
	Average years on present farm	14	
Age	Under 25 years	1	0.4
	25 to 34 years	15	5.4
	35 to 44 years	32	11.4
	45 to 49 years	36	12.9
	50 to 54 years	56	20.0
	55 to 59 years	43	15.4
	60 to 64 years	35	12.5
	65 to 69 years	25	8.9
	70 years and over	30	10.7
	Average age	54.3	

Table 8 – County Level Organic Production Statistics, 2007 (Florida)

County	Land Used for Organic Production		Acres From Which Organic Crops Were Harvested		Acres of Organic Pastureland		Acres Being Converted to Organic Production	
	Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres
Alachua	17	368	15	d	2	d	9	49
Baker	1	d	-	-	1	d	3	22
Bay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bradford	3	15	-	-	2	d	1	d
Brevard	8	35	8	34	-	-	-	-
Broward	2	d	2	d	-	-	6	14
Calhoun	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charlotte	1	d	1	d	1	d	2	d
Citrus	2	d	-	-	2	d	-	-
Clay	1	d	1	d	1	d	1	d
Collier	4	8	1	d	-	-	2	d
Columbia	5	67	4	d	2	d	3	3
DeSoto	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	340
Dixie	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Duval	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	d
Escambia	5	9	5	9	-	-	2	d
Flagler	1	d	1	d	-	-	2	d
Franklin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gadsden	4	7	4	7	-	-	3	6
Gilchrist	7	91	4	24	-	-	9	109
Glades	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gulf	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hamilton	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	6
Hardee	4	176	4	176	-	-	2	d
Hendry	3	d	2	d	-	-	-	-
Hernando	2	d	2	d	-	-	6	504
Highlands	2	d	1	d	-	-	1	d
Hillsborough	18	119	13	96	2	d	9	42
Holmes	1	d	-	-	1	d	-	-
Indian River	9	1,266	8	d	4	d	5	122
Jackson	1	d	1	d	-	-	-	-
Jefferson	9	99	7	32	3	39	5	30
Lafayette	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	d
Lake	22	290	18	250	2	d	14	192
Lee	7	29	7	24	1	d	1	d
Leon	4	12	1	d	-	-	2	d
Levy	1	d	1	d	-	-	4	73
Liberty	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Madison	7	480	-	-	1	d	2	d
Manatee	5	7	5	7	-	-	6	10
Marion	7	67	4	d	3	d	14	143
Martin	4	16	2	d	2	d	1	d
Miami-Dade	36	220	33	179	-	-	23	57
Monroe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres
Nassau	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Okaloosa	4	d	3	4	1	d	-	-
Okeechobee	2	d	2	d	-	-	-	-
Orange	2	d	-	-	2	d	1	d
Osceola	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	d
Palm Beach	16	d	7	d	6	30	7	d
Pasco	4	d	2	d	1	d	2	d
Pinellas	1	d	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polk	15	212	10	151	3	21	6	17
Putnam	3	14	3	14	-	-	9	32
St. Johns	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Lucie	3	4	3	4	-	-	3	d
Santa Rosa	1	d	1	d	-	-	2	d
Sarasota	3	d	2	d	1	d	3	6
Seminole	8	33	6	24	-	-	7	30
Sumter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suwannee	4	46	3	13	2	d	4	272
Taylor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Union	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volusia	8	121	8	d	2	d	10	56
Wakulla	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	d
Walton	2	d	2	d	1	d	10	58
Washington	1	d	1	d	-	-	1	d
Florida	280	9,301	208	5,974	49	731	215	3,968

Table 9 – County Level Organic Sales Statistics, 2007 (Florida)

County	Sales of Organically Produced Commodities							
	All Commodities		Crops, Including Nursery and Greenhouse		Livestock and Poultry		Livestock and Poultry Products	
	Farms	Sales (\$1,000)	Farms	Sales (\$1,000)	Farms	Sales (\$1,000)	Farms	Sales (\$1,000)
Alachua	15	\$ 430	15	\$ 430	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Baker	1	d	0	\$ -	1	d	0	\$ -
Bay	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Bradford	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Brevard	8	\$ 17	8	\$ 17	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Broward	2	d	2	d	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Calhoun	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Charlotte	1	d	1	d	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Citrus	1	d	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	1	d
Clay	1	d	1	d	1	d	0	\$ -
Collier	3	d	1	d	2	d	0	\$ -
Columbia	5	d	4 (Z)		2	d	0	\$ -
DeSoto	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Dixie	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Duval	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Escambia	5	\$ 2	5	\$ 2	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Flagler	1	d	1	d	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Franklin	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Gadsden	4	\$ 14	4	\$ 14	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Gilchrist	4	\$ 32	4	\$ 32	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Glades	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Gulf	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Hamilton	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Hardee	4	\$ 60	4	\$ 60	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Hendry	3	d	2	d	0	\$ -	1	d
Hernando	2	d	2	d	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Highlands	1	d	1	d	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Hillsborough	14	\$ 1,380	13	d	1	d	0	\$ -
Holmes	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Indian River	9	d	8	d	0	\$ -	1	d
Jackson	1	d	1	d	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Jefferson	7	\$ 7	7	\$ 7	0	\$ -	3 (Z)	
Lafayette	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Lake	20	\$ 366	18	d	0	\$ -	2	d
Lee	7	\$ 11	7	d	1	d	0	\$ -
Leon	1	d	1	d	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Levy	1	d	1	d	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Liberty	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Madison	7	\$ 16	0	\$ -	7	\$ 16	0	\$ -
Manatee	5	\$ 56	5	\$ 56	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Marion	5	d	4	d	1	d	0	\$ -
Martin	2	d	2	d	0	\$ -	2	d
Miami-Dade	31	\$ 495	31	\$ 495	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Monroe	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -

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	All Commodities		Crops, Including Nursery and Greenhouse		Livestock and Poultry		Livestock and Poultry Products	
	Farms	Sales (\$1,000)	Farms	Sales (\$1,000)	Farms	Sales (\$1,000)	Farms	Sales (\$1,000)
Nassau	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Okaloosa	4	d	3	\$ 1	0	\$ -	1	d
Okeechobee	2	d	2	d	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Orange	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Osceola	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Palm Beach	10	\$ 3,174	7	\$ 3,171	3	\$ 2	3	\$ 2
Pasco	4	d	2	d	2	d	0	\$ -
Pinellas	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Polk	13	\$ 393	10	\$ 393	3 (Z)		0	\$ -
Putnam	3	\$ 37	3	\$ 37	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
St. Johns	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
St. Lucie	3	d	3	d	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Santa Rosa	1	d	1	d	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Sarasota	2	d	2	d	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Seminole	6	\$ 8	5	d	0	\$ -	1	d
Sumter	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Suwannee	4	d	3	d	1	d	2	d
Taylor	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Union	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Volusia	8	\$ 9	8	\$ 9	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Wakulla	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Walton	2	d	1	d	1	d	0	\$ -
Washington	1	d	1	d	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Florida	234	\$ 17,145	204	\$ 16,240	26	\$ 670	17	\$ 235